IN THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

ORDER AMENDING JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT CIVIL RULE 3

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This <u>wth</u> day of October 2008, it appears to the Court that it is desirable to amend Justice of the Peace Court Civil Rule 3 to accommodate the merger of Justice of the Peace Court civil locations.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT, the following amendments shall be effective October 1, 2008:

- (1) Amend Justice of the Peace Court Civil Rule 3(b) by eliminating the subsection as it currently reads and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
 - "(b) Venue for civil landlord/tenant actions involving possession.
 - (1) Civil actions brought pursuant to 25 Del. C. §5702 shall be initiated in the county in which the rental property that is subject of the action is located. For northern New Castle County, north of a line described in subparagraph (2) below, all such actions shall be filed at Justice of the Peace Court #13 (Wilmington). For southern New Castle County, south of a line described in subparagraph (2) below, all such actions shall be filed at Justice of the Peace Court #9 (Middletown). For Kent County, all such actions shall be filed at Justice of the Peace Court #16 (Dover). For Sussex County, all such actions shall be filed at Justice of the Peace Court #17 (Georgetown).
 - (2) The line dividing New Castle County venue shall be as follows: Beginning at a point on the centerline of U.S. Route 40, traveling east

to the centerline of the right of way of the Norfolk Southern rail line (Reynolds Industrial Line), thence south and east along that right of way to the easternmost point of the line, thence east to the Delaware River.

(3) The Chief Magistrate may, as conditions require, designate a temporary successor location or alternative location for these filings."

FOR THE COURT:

Chief Magistrate